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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-8 and 14-16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 9-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 5/21/07 and 12/23/07 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

Applicant's submission filed on 08/23/07 has been entered.

Claims 5-8 and 14-16 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 08/25/05.

The amended Fig. 7 has been disapproved because the addition of the element 301 to the original Fig. 7 raises the issue of new matter. Nowhere in the original disclosure does it disclose the support for the metal pattern 301 surrounding the seal 310, as shown in the amended Fig. 7. It is noted that the Brief Description of the Drawings states "FIG. 7 is a layout illustrating an IPS mode LCD device using a UV-hardening sealant according to the first embodiment of the present invention;" and "FIG. 8 is a cross-sectional view illustrating an IPS mode LCD device taken along line III-III' of FIG. 7 using a UV-hardening sealant according to the first embodiment of the present invention;" (specification, page 11, paragraphs 40-41). Figs. 7-8 are *consistent* with each other and with the Brief Description of the Drawings because both Figs. 7-8 do *not* show the metal pattern 301. The Brief Description of the Drawings regarding

Fig. 9 is *not* consistent with Fig. 7 because Fig. 7 (the plane view) does *not* have the metal pattern 301.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the recited feature "wherein the metal pattern *completely overlaps* the UV-hardening sealant and is formed at *four edges* of the first substrate" of claims 1 and 9 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: the specification does *not* disclose the feature “wherein the metal pattern *completely overlaps* the UV-hardening sealant and is formed at *four edges* of the first substrate”, as recited in claims 1 and 9.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-4 and 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the invention(s), at the time application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Nowhere in the original specification and the drawings does it disclose an IPS mode LCD device wherein “the metal pattern *completely overlaps* the UV-hardening sealant and is formed at *four edges* of the first substrate”, as now recited in claims 1 and 9. Claims 2-4 and 10-13 are also rejected since they depend on claims 1 and 9.

With respect to Applicant's remarks regarding paragraph [0057] of the specification, nowhere in the paragraph [0057] does it disclose that the metal pattern 301 is formed at four edges of the first substrate. It is noted that the metal pattern 301 formed at *two edges* can *correspond to* the two edges of the four

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edges of the UV-hardening sealant 310. It also noted that the phrase "corresponds to" does *not* mean "has the same structure". Also, see the examiner's remarks in the above paragraph regarding the amended Fig. 7.

Applicant's arguments filed on 08/23/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive for the above-mentioned reasons.

Claims 1-4 and 9-13 will be allowed over the prior art of record if the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is overcome.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Tai Duong at telephone number (571) 272-2291.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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